

**PROPOSITION 1A – A HISTORIC AGREEMENT TO PROTECT LOCAL  
TAXPAYERS AND VITAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

Proposition 1A is a historic bipartisan agreement among local governments, public safety leaders, the State Legislature, Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and is authored by Democratic State Senator Tom Torlakson.

Proposition 1A prevents the State from taking and using funding that local governments need to provide services like fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, healthcare, parks and libraries.

These individuals and groups urge a YES vote:

- Governor Schwarzenegger
- State Controller Steve Westly
- California Professional Firefighters
- California Fire Chiefs Association
- California Police Chiefs Association
- California State Sheriffs' Association
- California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
- League of California Cities
- California Special Districts Association
- California State Association of Counties

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PROPOSITION 1A IS NEEDED TO STOP THE STATE FROM TAKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING.

For more than a dozen years, the State has been taking local tax dollars that local governments use to provide essential services – more than \$40 billion in the last 12 years. Even in years with state budget surpluses, the State has taken billions of local tax dollars.

*These State raids result in fewer firefighters, fewer law enforcement officers, longer waits in emergency rooms – or higher local taxes and fees.*

PROPOSITION 1A PROTECTS PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE AND OTHER LOCAL SERVICES.

Local governments spend a vast majority of their budgets providing critical services, including:

- Fire protection
- Paramedic response
- Law enforcement
- Emergency medical
- Healthcare
- Parks and libraries

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Cities and counties also revitalize downtowns and create jobs and affordable housing using redevelopment agency funding. Redevelopment agency tax increment revenues are already protected by the State Constitution and do not need to be further protected by Proposition A.

#### PROPOSITION 1A PROTECTS LOCAL TAXPAYERS AND WON'T RAISE TAXES

Proposition 1A will *not* raise taxes. It simply ensures that *existing* local tax dollars continue to be dedicated to local services. It also helps *ensure local governments aren't forced to raise taxes or fees to make up for revenue raided by the State.*

#### PROPOSITION 1A PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY IN A STATE BUDGET EMERGENCY – AND WON'T TAKE FUNDING FROM SCHOOLS OR OTHER STATE PROGRAMS.

Proposition 1A protects only *existing* levels of local funding. It does not reduce funding for schools or other state programs. And, 1A was carefully written to allow flexibility. It allows the State to *borrow* local government revenues – only in the event of a fiscal emergency – if funds are needed to support schools or other state programs.

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PROPOSITION 1A IS A BETTER APPROACH THAT REPLACES THE NEED FOR  
PROPOSITION 65.

Proposition 65 was put on the ballot earlier this year before this historic agreement was reached. Proposition 1A is a better, more flexible approach to protect local services and tax dollars. That's why ALL of the official proponents of 65 are now ENDORSING  
PROPOSITION 1A AND OPPOSING PROPOSITION 65

Join Governor Schwarzenegger, Senator Torlakson, firefighters, police officers, sheriffs, paramedics, healthcare leaders, taxpayers, business and labor leaders.

PROTECT LOCAL TAXPAYERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY. Vote YES on  
PROPOSITION 1A. Vote NO on PROPOSITION 65.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Chief Michael Warren, President  
California Fire Chiefs Association

Sheriff Robert T. Doyle, President  
California State Sheriffs' Association

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